

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

April 23, 2012

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keane, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer, Shapiro

Excused: Kochenburger

II. ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS

Director of Finance Cherie Trahan reviewed the material distributed in response to items Council members flagged during the budget process. Members discussed the funding for the proposed positions, the surplus in the health insurance fund, the proposed 'pay-as-you-go' plan for most capital replacement expenditures, the expected life span of various emergency apparatus and the timing of adding additional state troopers. Councilors also discussed the cost of the Storrs Center Project which has been structured so as not to add an additional burden on the existing tax list and the Board of Education's use of onetime funding sources.

Chief Dagon was asked to add a column to the MFD Apparatus Inventory indicating the anticipated life cycle for each piece of equipment.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$35,533,490 is hereby adopted as the proposed operating budget for the Town of Mansfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Mr. Shapiro moved to amend the motion by decreasing the budget by \$100,000 to be taken from the surplus in the health insurance fund. Seconded by Mr. Schaefer the motion failed with Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Schaefer in favor and the remaining members opposed.

The original motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Keane, Ms. Lindsey and Mr. Paulhus who voted in opposition.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Capital Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$1,735,840 is hereby adopted as the capital improvements to be undertaken during fiscal year 2012/13 or later years.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$ 1,562,210 be adopted.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the following resolutions:

It is further resolved, that the following Appropriations Act be recommended for adoption at the annual Town Meeting for budget consideration:

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RESOLVED: That the proposed General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$35,533,490 which proposed budget was adopted by the Council on April 23, 2012, be adopted and that the sums estimated and set forth in said budget be appropriated for the purpose indicated.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51, the proportionate share for the Town of Mansfield of the annual budget for Regional School District No. 19 shall be added to the General Fund Budget appropriation for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 and said sums shall be paid by the Town to the Regional School District as they become available.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$ 1,735,840 be adopted provided that the portion proposed to be funded by bonds or notes shall, at the appropriate times, be introduced for action by the Town Council subject to a vote by referendum as required by Section 407 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$ 1,562,210 be adopted.

The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Keane, Ms. Lindsey and Mr. Paulhus who voted in opposition.

III. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET/COUNCIL QUESTIONS

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk